

and there may be others, but this Justice Department dropped the charges against the individuals and the groups that were named coconspirators in the Holy Hand Foundation trial that was tried in Dallas, Texas, first to a hung jury. As I understand, there was an 11-1 verdict. One person held up the verdict, so they tried it again, and the Bush administration's Justice Department intended if they got a conviction of the five people charged with aiding terrorism that they would then move forward. In fact, the Assistant U.S. Attorney involved filed pleadings with the court, the District Court in Dallas, Texas, the Federal Court, and also with the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans in response to some of those groups that were named coconspirators to supporting terrorist activity with money and basically said there's a prima facie case here. There's enough evidence to keep them in as named coconspirators.

The conviction occurred, I believe it was November of 2008, five defendants, 105 counts, as I recall. Then, rather than going forward as they should have based on the evidence, the stacks and stacks, the boxes and boxes of evidence, this Justice Department decided to drop the matter.

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It's understandable given some of the relationships that are involved.

Of course, CAIR, mentioned in one of the articles, was one of the named coconspirators to financing terrorism in the Holy Land Foundation trial. We know that ISNA was one of the named coconspirators, the Islamic Society of North America, and the head of ISNA, Imam Magid. Actually, Imam Magid was the leader of a named codefendant in sponsoring terrorism in the Holy Land Foundation trial, which this administration refused to pursue further. Then we find out that Imam Magid, a year ago, was at the White House, leading the White House in the Iftar celebration at the conclusion of Ramadan.

Then, of course, we know that the second-highest person in the National Security Agency, Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough, was invited and spoke, and thanked Imam Magid there for the wonderful prayers at the White House and also for the wonderful introduction. They have a wonderful relationship.

Well, isn't that special.

In the wake of Mr. Anwar al-Awlaki being killed in Yemen for his role in having declared war on the United States, I can't help but reflect back on something that sets our country apart. In a new democracy visited earlier this year, I had a leader there say, We're constantly worried about the military trying to take over because we never had a George Washington who did what no one has ever done before or since: led the Revolution—a military revolution—won the Revolution, resigned, and gone home. Nobody has done it before or since. What a man.

In his resignation that was sent to the 13 Governors, Washington, at the

end—and there's a painting of him tendering his resignation—included a prayer. He says in the prayer—and we have his own words, but I won't read the whole thing—"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you and the State over which you preside in His holy protection."

He goes on and says, "And finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

"I have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem, Your excellency's most obedient and very humble servant, George Washington."

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I can't help but wonder if Mr. Al-Awlaki ever knew the divine author of our blessed religion, who George Washington says, "without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for Monday and Tuesday on account of official business in the district.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore Mr. HARRIS on Thursday, September 29, 2011:

H.R. 2005. An act to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

H.R. 2017. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on September 27, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2883. To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2646. To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2943. To extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House also reports that on September 29, 2011

she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2017. Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2005. To reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3297. A letter from the Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) (RIN: 0572-AC16) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3298. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8191] received August 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3299. A letter from the Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts (RIN: 1215-AB69; 1235-AA02) received August 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3300. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rate Increase Disclosure and Review: Definitions of "Individual Market" and "Small Group Market" [CMS-9999-F] (RIN: 0938-AR26) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3301. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Class III Preamendments Devices [Docket No.: FDA-2010-N-0412] received September 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3302. A letter from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indian Trust Management Reform-Implementation of Statutory Changes [Docket ID: BIA-2009-0001] (RIN: 1076-AF07) received August 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3303. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final